Export of Maruti Cars during 1990-91

484. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of actual export of Maruti cars as against the target for 1990-91;

(b) the impact of short supply of Maruti cars on export commitments;

(c) the percentage of shortfall in export earnings as a consequence thereof as against the estimated earnings; and

(d) the main causes for shortfall in export target and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Maruti Exported 4,908 vehicles against its original target of 10,000 during 1990-91. All export commitments were, however, met.

(c) and (d) Against the target of US $ 40 million during 1990-91 Maruti earned about US $ 41 million (provisional and un-audited). This includes earnings from deemed exports and other sources.

Expansion and Improvement of Broadcasting Facilities

485. SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a time bound programme for the expansion and improvement of broadcasting facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any arrangements have been made with some foreign countries for exchanging of programmes and news facilities of mutual interest; and

(d) if so, which are the countries and the details of such arrangements?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Expansion and improvement of broadcasting facilities of All India Radio and Doordarshan is a continuous process, and is done on the basis of regular Five Year Plans;

(c) and (d) India has Cultural Exchange Programmes with 58 countries and Radio and TV Protocols with 21 countries (listed in the Statement I and II), which provide for exchange of programmes on the basis of mutual interest.

The Cultural Exchange Programmes and Protocols generally provide for the following:

(i) Exchange of programmes

(ii) Exchange of personnel

(iii) Observance of National Day of each other's country by putting out special programmes on such occasions; and

(iv) Provision of technical facilities to visiting Radio and TV teams from each other's country.